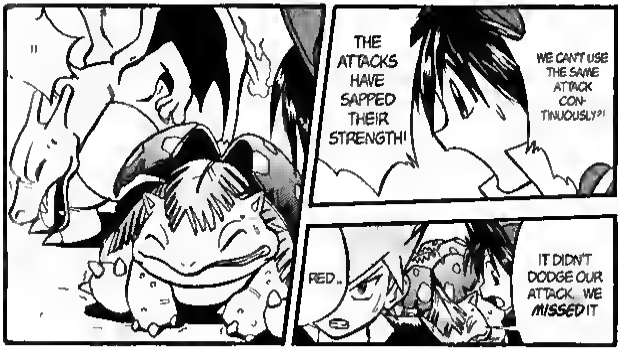
CHAPTER 276

BLAST BURN!!
FRENZY PLANT!!
...OK!!
SO...SO THESE ARE THE ULTIMATE SKILLS THAT THE GRAMPS WAS TALKING ABOUT!!
BURST
FWOOSH

BOOOOOM
CRASH
CRASH
!!

FWOOSH
OH NO!! IT MANAGED TO DODGE OUR ATTACK!
RUSTLE
COME ON, BLUE! LET'S TRY AGAIN!!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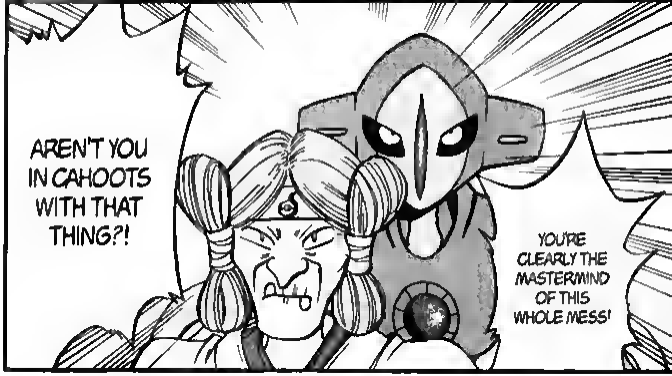
THE ATTACKS HAVE SAPPED THEIR STRENGTH!
WE CAN'T USE THE SAME ATTACK CONTINUOUSLY?!
RED...
IT DIDN'T DODGE OUR ATTACK... WE MISSED IT

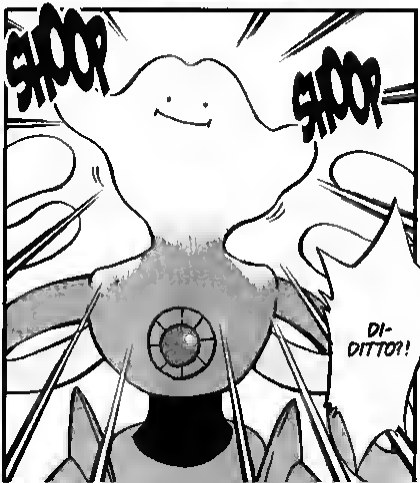
IT WAS A MISCALCULATION ON OUR SIDE... WE SHOULDN'T HAVE USED THE ATTACKS WITHOUT KNOWING THEIR PROWESS, ACCURACY OR AFTER-EFFECTS ON OUR POKÉMON
RUSTLE
WE COMPLETELY ERRED.
!!
RUSTLE
YOU MEAN WE'RE NOT SKILLED ENOUGH TO MASTER THE ATTACKS?!
OH, HOW WRONG YOU ARE.

YOU DID VERY WELL, CONSIDERING THAT IT WAS YOUR FIRST TRY. I CAN SEE WHY THEY CALL YOU THE STRONGEST TRAINERS AROUND..
YOUR ACCURACY WILL GET BETTER WITH PRACTICE.
BUT I MUST SAY I'M IMPRESSED.
...THAT YOU MANAGED TO UNLOCK THE ULTIMATE ATTACKS YOURSELVES.
GRIN
WONDER FUL, BOYS!
!!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, GRAMPS?!!
DID YOU TRICK US?!
TRICK? HOW RUDE..
THERE WASN'T A SINGLE SHRED OF FALSEHOOD IN MY WORDS..
DON'T PLAY WITH US!!


AREN'T YOU IN CAHOOTS WITH THAT THING?!
YOU'RE CLEARLY THE MASTERMIND OF THIS WHOLE MESS!

DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
I TAKE BACK MY WORDS OF PRAISE..
JINGLE
DON'T BLINK, YOU TWO.

SHOOP

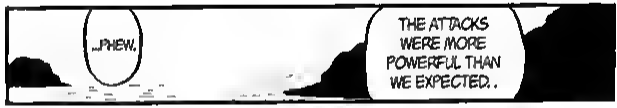

SHOOP
SHOOP
DI- DITTO?!

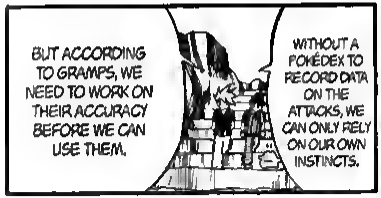
SAY, AREN'T YOU GREEN'S DITTO?!
IT TAGGED ALONG WITH YOU, ATTACHING ITSELF ONTO YOUR BAG, RED.
DITTO AND I BECAME FAST PALS WHILE THE TWO OF YOU WERE BUSY TRAINING...
WE JUST DECIDED TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN, THAT'S ALL... NO HARD FEELINGS?
...
BY THE WAY...
I MEANT IT WHEN I SAID I'D ONLY TEACH ONE PERSON.
YOU'RE BOTH EQUALLY STRONG, AND YOU REACHED THE FINISHING POINT AT THE SAME TIME.
I HAD NO INTENTION OF *TEACHING* THE BOTH OF YOU.

YOU MANAGED TO ACTIVATE THE ULTIMATE SKILLS IN THE BANGLE ON YOUR WRISTS BY YOURSELVES...
...LEARNING THE ATTACKS BEFORE I COULD TEACH THEM TO YOU. I CAN'T COMPLAIN...
JINGLE
SNAP
CLANG
NOW, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO HONE THE ACCURACY OF THOSE ATTACKS.
GRAMPS...
OH, ONE MORE THING...

I'M NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED, BUT DITTO WAS VERY TENSED UP..
IT USED TRANSFORM, TURNING INTO THAT CREATURE AND TOLD ME WHAT HAPPENED ON THE SEA GALLOP THAT DAY.
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, THAT ADVERSARY MUST BE HIGHLY FORMIDABLE...
IF THE ULTIMATE SKILLS, WHICH I'D GUARDED FOR SO LONG, IS USED AGAINST SUCH AN OPPONENT...
HEE HEE HEE.. I'LL BE ABLE TO HOLD MY HEAD UP HIGH!
...
BE CAREFUL.
UH..

KNEEL
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!
THANK YOU FOR IMPARTING THE ULTIMATE SKILLS TO US!!


...PHEW.
THE ATTACKS WERE MORE POWERFUL THAN WE EXPECTED..


BUT ACCORDING TO GRAMPS, WE NEED TO WORK ON THEIR ACCURACY BEFORE WE CAN USE THEM.
WITHOUT A POKÉDEX TO RECORD DATA ON THE ATTACKS, WE CAN ONLY RELY ON OUR OWN INSTINCTS.

YEAH, PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!

DITTO, YOU CAME ALONG WITHOUT US KNOWING..
YOU MUST'VE FELT VERY WORRIED WHEN GREEN WAS INJURED.
I NEED YOU TO DO SOME-THING...
GRAB
TRANSFORM TO THAT CREATURE AGAIN
WHAT'S WRONG, BLUE?
RED... DIDN'T YOU NOTICE SOMETHING STRANGE?
BLOB
BLOB
WA-WHAT?
ABOUT THE ENEMY'S APPEARANCE.
DO YOU REMEMBER? WE FIRST KNEW WHAT IT LOOKED LIKE AFTER CHECKING GREEN'S SILPH SCOPE..
!!!
BUT LOOK AT THIS...
THE IMAGE WE SAW ON THE SILPH SCOPE, AND THE FORM DITTO TOOK...

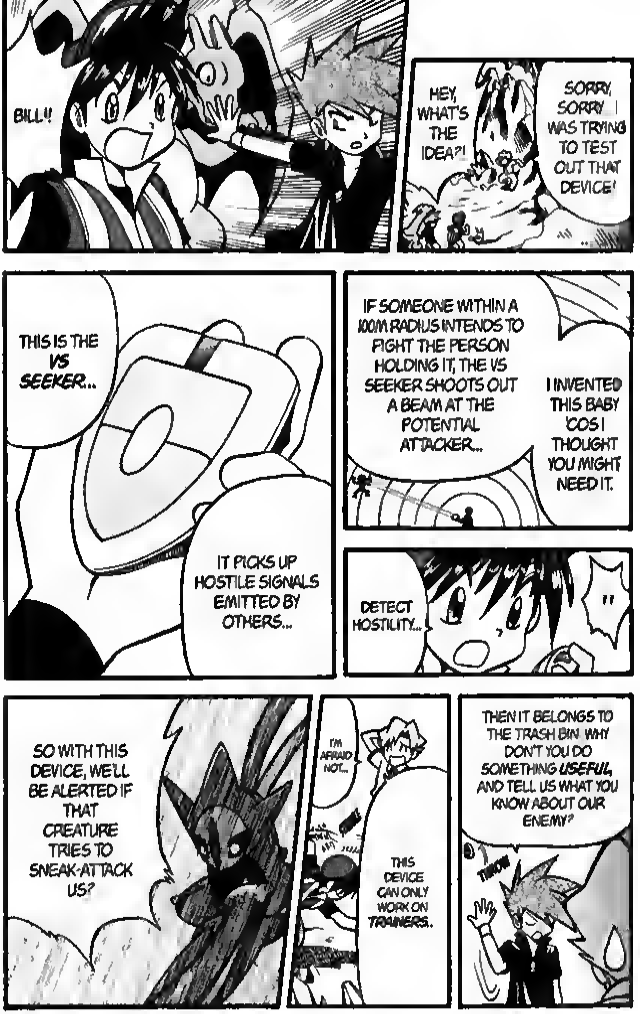
...ARE SIMILAR, BUT THERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES!!
AH!!!
MAYBE... IT CHANGES ITS APPEARANCE DEPENDING ON THE BATTLE SITUATION?
GULP...
IS THERE MORE THAN ONE OF THEM? OR DOES IT HAVE MULTIPLE EVOLUTION CHAINS?
WHAT COULD THIS MEAN?
..WE WON'T STAND A CHANCE!
IF WE CAN'T DISCOVER ITS TRUE NATURE...
BLOW
BLOW
THE ANSWER IS A CRUCIAL FACTOR TO OUR VICTORY.

RING!
HELLO...
AH, HI. IT'S ME!
BILL!
HOW FARES THE TRAINING?
OH, NO PROBLEM...
GREAT!
BY THE WAY, I HAVE SOME INFORMATION FOR YOU...
PROCEED TO THE POKÉMON CENTER NOW.
I'VE SENT NEW PASSES FOR YOU TWO...
IT SHOULD ARRIVE THERE SOON.
USE THE PASSES...
RAINBOW PASS
...AND HURRY OVER TO "FOUR ISLAND"!

I NEED TO TELL YOU SOMETHING IMPORTANT..
COME HERE AS SOON AS YOU CAN!!
HEY BILL! SLOW DOWN! CAN YOU GIVE US A RUNDOWN FIRST, AT LEAST?!
THIS IS BIG, GUYS..
IT'S HERE!!!
THE ENEMY THAT ATTACKED RED, BLUE AND GREEN...
...HAS APPEARED ON "THREE ISLAND"!!
YOU CAN'T GO TO "FOUR ISLAND" AND BEYOND WITH TRI-PASSES. YOU'LL NEED RAINBOW PASSES...
I'VE SENT THE PASSES TO THE POKÉMON CENTER ON "TWO ISLAND". RETRIEVE THEM, AND COME HERE QUICKLY!!

I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN ICEFALL CAVE ON FOUR ISLAND.
BRR... IT'S COLD HERE!
SO THIS IS THE CAVE BILL WAS TALKING ABOUT?
IT MAY BE NIGHT TIME, BUT STILL... THE TEMPERATURE AROUND HERE IS TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE FIRST TWO ISLANDS...
HMM...
LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF ICE TYPE POKEMON RESIDING HERE... NO WONDER THIS CAVE IS SO FREEZING COLD.
GLEAM
HUH?
WHAT'S THIS?
!!
OOH
FWOOSH

SHE
BOOM
THAT EXEGGUTOR! IS IT ATTACKING US?!
PERFECT !!
JUST THE THING WE NEED FOR OUR TRAINING
CHARIZARD!!
BOOM
BLAST
BLAST BURN!!
HE-HEY! WHOA! HOLD IT! HOLD IT!!
FLAIL
FLAIL


BILL!!
HEY, WHAT'S THE IDEA?!
SORRY, SORRY I WAS TRYING TO TEST OUT THAT DEVICE!
THIS IS THE VS SEEKER...
IT PICKS UP HOSTILE SIGNALS EMITTED BY OTHERS...
IF SOMEONE WITHIN A 100M RADIUS INTENDS TO FIGHT THE PERSON HOLDING IT, THE VS SEEKER SHOOTS OUT A BEAM AT THE POTENTIAL ATTACKER...
I INVENTED THIS BABY 'COS I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT NEED IT.
DETECT HOSTILITY...
SO WITH THIS DEVICE, WE'LL BE ALERTED IF THAT CREATURE TRIES TO SNEAK-ATTACK US?
I'M AFRAID NOT...
THIS DEVICE CAN ONLY WORK ON TRAINERS.
THEN IT BELONGS TO THE TRASH BIN! WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING USEFUL, AND TELL US WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR ENEMY?
THROW

I THOUGHT YOU'D SAY THAT...
BUT LISTEN...
THIS IS WHY I'VE CALLED YOU HERE...
HUH?
A YOUNG GIRL, CALLED LOSTELLE..
...SAW THAT CREATURE ON THREE ISLAND...
LOSTELLE WAS ACCOSTED BY SOME GANGSTERS WHO WERE ON THREE ISLAND TO WREAK HAVOC...
SUDDENLY, SOMETHING APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE AND BEAT UP THE GANGSTERS...
AND... I'M SURE YOU CAN GUESS WHAT IT WAS!
WHAT?!
IT SAVED THE GIRL?!
WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER ITS INTENTION WAS TO SAVE THE GIRL, OR MERELY TO BATTLE THE GANGSTERS!
THAT'S THE PROBLEM!!

IT THEN LEFT THE SCENE AS SUDDENLY AS IT'D APPEARED, AND A MAN WALKED OVER...
UHM, IT WAS AN UNCLE.. SOMEONE AROUND MY PAPA'S AGE.. I'LL FAX YOU THE PICTURE I DREW OF HIM.
AND THIS IS WHAT SHE SENT OVER...
KUSTLE
LOOK!!
ZOOM
!!
THE "R" MARK!!
...AND..
...THAT OUTFIT...

GIOVANNI!!
ISN'T TEAM ROCKET DISBANDED? BUT WHY IS THEIR LEADER HERE...?
I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES TOO...
DOES THAT CREATURE BELONG TO GIOVANNI...
...OR WAS IT MERELY A WILD POKÉMON?
WE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEIR RELATIONSHIP
THEN WE'LL HAVE TO CROSS SWORDS WITH THEM...
...ONE MORE TIME!!
BUT IF TEAM ROCKET IS INVOLVED..
YES...

THERE'S A GOOD REASON WHY I WANTED TO MEET YOU HERE...
THE LOCAL RESIDENTS SAY THEY'VE SPOTTED PEOPLE WHO APPEAR TO BE MEMBERS OF TEAM ROCKET!
...INTERESTING. IF WE GO AFTER TEAM ROCKET, WE'LL BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN THAT CREATURE!
NOW DO YOU KNOW WHY THE VS SEEKER IS SO CRITICAL?
YEP! THE ROLES HAVE BEEN REVERSED...IT'S FINALLY OUR TURN TO BE THE PREDATORS!
THIS DEVICE WILL SERVE AS A WARNING BEACON AGAINST ANY POTENTIAL ENEMY!
BLINK
BLINK
BEAM
THAT WAY!!
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
!!

LEAP
WE'VE GOT COMPANY!!
THESE MUST BE POKÉMON UNDER THE COMMAND OF A TRAINER!!
AND I'LL BET IT'S A TEAM ROCKET MEMBER!
OKAY, SAUR...
!!
BLAST
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
CREAK

AN ICE ATTACK !!
...BOYS
IF YOU'RE GOING UP AGAINST TEAM ROCKET...
TM
TMP
COUNT ME IN
THEY MESS WITH MY HOMETOWN...
...THEY MESS WITH ME!

BLUE'S POKÉMON TEAM

SCIZOR / SCIZOR

♂ BUG STEEL

- LV.82 (AS OF CHAPTER 276)
- ABILITY: SWARM
- DOCILE PERSONALITY

When Blue needs to read his opponent's moves, there is no better Pokémon to use than Scizor. This tactic was imparted by Chuck himself.

RHYDON / RHYDON

♂ GROUND ROCK

- LV.82 (AS OF CHAPTER 276)
- ABILITY: LIGHTNING ROD
- GENTLE PERSONALITY

A recent addition to Blue's Pokémon. With Rhydon and the 'Mysteries of the Earth' he found at the Viridian Gym, Blue has become even stronger than ever.

PORYGON2 / PORYGON2

♂ NORMAL

- LV.78 (AS OF CHAPTER 276)
- ABILITY: TRACE
- MOODY PERSONALITY

It was originally a prize at the Game Corner in Celadon City, but is now one of Blue's comrades. Porygon2 can prove to be quite an asset in unique situations.

2 TEAM BLUE